

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

APRIL 4, 2006

APRIL 2006 AS "EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH"

The Board of Supervisors has continually demonstrated its commitment to emergency preparedness by supporting the County's acclaimed Emergency Survival Program (ESP), an education campaign providing a wealth of valuable information and encouraging the public to prepare for earthquakes, tsunamis, terrorism and other emergencies by taking a different preparedness action each month of the year. All employees, residents, neighborhood organizations, businesses and schools are encouraged to take advantage of the information available to them to increase their knowledge and awareness of the correct safety actions to take before, during, and after an earthquake, tsunami, or other emergency.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approves the attached proclamation which designates the month of April 2006 as "COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH" and recognizes the seventeenth year of the Emergency Survival Program (ESP) public education campaign;
- 2) Encourages residents to visit the County's Emergency Survival Program website at www.espfocus.org for valuable emergency preparedness tips;

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- 3) Urges all County departments to participate in earthquake and emergency preparedness activities throughout the month of April and the remainder of the year;
- 4) Encourages the mayors of each city in Los Angeles County to demonstrate their support for this important public education campaign; and
- 5) Ensures that a copy of the proclamation is sent to the Governor of the State of California with a request that he support the reinstatement of the Office of Emergency Services' California Earthquake Month Campaign and Earthquake Programs.

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Earthquake Preparedness Month

PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2006 AS THE “COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH” IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SEVENTEENTH YEAR OF THE EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM (ESP) PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

WHEREAS, in 1989 the County of Los Angeles adopted and implemented the Emergency Survival Program (ESP), formerly known as the Earthquake Survival Program, which encourages residents to prepare for earthquakes, tsunamis, and other hazards by taking a different preparedness action each month; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has experienced numerous earthquakes, including the magnitude 6.7 Northridge earthquake on January 17, 1994, which resulted in property damage and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, in the last ten years, major earthquakes throughout the state have combined to cause 120 deaths and an estimated \$50 billion in reported damage and losses; and

WHEREAS, most Californians live within 20 miles of a major active earthquake fault; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Tsunami in Asia reminds us of the devastating tsunamis that can result from earthquakes and our need to prepare; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles’ earthquake preparedness month campaign is designed to increase public awareness regarding proper procedures to follow before, during, and after an earthquake; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Los Angeles County are encouraged to continue taking emergency preparedness actions to make themselves, their neighborhoods and communities more self-sufficient in the event of a catastrophic earthquake, tsunami or other disaster; and

WHEREAS, the year-long educational campaign, known as the Emergency Survival Program (ESP), is internationally recognized as an easy-to-follow method for individuals, neighborhoods, businesses and schools to better prepare themselves to reduce injuries, loss of life, and property damage during an earthquake, tsunami or other hazard;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that the month of April 2006 is designated as “COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH” in Los Angeles County and the seventeenth year of the EMERGENCY SURVIVAL PROGRAM (ESP) public education campaign. The Board encourages all residents, neighborhoods, businesses and schools to visit www.espfocus.org and take advantage of the Emergency Survival Program to increase their knowledge and awareness of proper safety measures to follow before, during, and after an earthquake, tsunami or other emergency.

Date: _____

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
JOANNE STURGESS
Acting Executive Officer and
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy